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In re patent application of:)
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DOUGLAS et al.) Before the Examiner
) Apanius, Michael
Application No. 10/612,852)
) Group Art Unit
Filed July 03, 2003) 3736
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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR)
SAMPLING AND ANALYZING BODY)
FLUID) Confirmation No. 4411

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 19, 2007, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as any additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.